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HERBERT T. JENKINS
Chief

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., and
Advisory Committee on Civil Disorders
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

Below is an outline of those steps our department plans to put in effect for the summer, 1968. They have been approved by Chief H. T. Jenkins and we believe they will reduce tension and possible civil disorders in Atlanta.

The report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorder has said, "Preserving civil peace is the first responsibility of the government." This we plan to do. In addition, we plan to use our Crime Prevention Bureau officers in each E.O.A. Center to assist these people with any city problem. If an area need the services of the Sanitary Department, Housing enforcement or any other, our men are being instructed to assist in every way. They also work with school counselors on absent students and drop-outs, assist adults and youths with employment, hardship cases, sickness, etc., complaints on police services, missing persons, community civic and recreational activities, and investigate rumors. Crime Prevention officers are assigned to walking beats in slum areas to keep in touch with residents.

We understand there will be 62 schools, 40 parks and 20 play lots available this summer. To police all of these projects, the 85 community service officers recommended by the commission will be needed when these projects open.

We have a Task Force of 40 officers commanded by a negro captain. They are assigned to these same areas to give the law abiding citizens a good tough police service. They work from 4:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. This force of men know the community, their language and habits. They will know when tensions run high in their area. These men are selected for this type duty and must have good reputations in the neighborhoods.

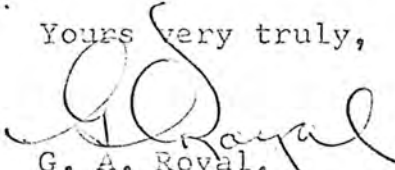


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In the event of any tense situation, we plan to move the entire Crime Prevention Bureau into the area. We hope with the knowledge they have of the area and the people they know, they will be able to relieve the situation. If not, the Task Force will follow. If these fail, the Riot Squad will be brought in.

Yours very truly,



G. A. Royal,
Superintendent

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